ALL WELL AT LADYSMITH

General Buller Sends a Message From Pietermaritzburg.

The Landon War Office Receives a Report Indicating the Safety of the Ninth Lancers-Official Casualties of the Fight at Gras Pan-No Confirmation of Methuen's Reverse

LONDON, Nov. 28.-General Buller telegraphs from Pietermaritzburg under today's date as follows:

'Our last news from Ladysmith was dated November 24, and reported all well. A message dated November 19 has just been received from General Joubert. He has explained the firing on a flag of truce. I have accepted the explanation as satisfactory. The wounded are doing well and the troops are healthy."

The war office has received news that the Ninth Lancers were out reconncitring on Sunday. This indicates that they returned to Gras Pan after the battle.

in the official casualties of the fight at Gras Pan the losses of the Ninth Lancers are given as one killed and eight wounded. None is reported missing and it was in ferred from this that the remainder of the command has returned safely to camp. General Lord Methuen's Gras Pan casualties were 3 officers wounded, 10

men killed and 72 wounded, and 77 miss-Apprehension has been caused by the report by way of Berlin, that General Lord Methuen's force has met with a staggering defeat north of Gras Pan, where a fight took place immediately after the engage

ment at Belmont. Whether the place where the third engagement was fought is Honey Nest Kloof, which Cape Town despatches reported car-Her to have been captured by Methuen, or

one still further north, is not wholly clear. The Berlin story is that the British were repulsed with great slaughter. The Boers, it is reported, got around to the rear of the British and shot down more than 100 of the valiant naval brigade, which had done such magnificent work in the previous engagements,

The Berlin newspapers also print despatches asserting that the Ninth Lancers were captured. The Lancers engaged in the fight at Belmont are believed to have numbered about 500. All of this information comes primarily from Boer sources The war office announces officially that

tured 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition is The Queen will inspect the first battalion of the Grenadier Guards, at Windsor, tomorrow. The wives and families of the

the report that Gen. Lord Methuen cap-

FRENCH OFFICERS WARNED. Dismissals to Follow if They Go to South Africa.

men will be present.

PARIS, Nov. 28.-The "Echo de Paris" says the cabinet has decided to refuse leave of absence to officers who desire to go abroad.

so at the risk of dismissal from the army

A NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION America's Position on the South Af rican Trouble to Be Defined.

It was announced at the State Department today that a proclamation is to be issued, declaring a state of neutrality to exist between this country and Great Britain and the South African Republic.

The proposed proclamation was decided spon at a conference between Secretary formed Mr. Hav that a state of war existed between Great Britain and the South African Republic.

the proclamation of neutrality did not indicate that this country expected to become entangled in any way in the trouble between the British and the Boers. It was also said that the State Department gave no credence to the reports that American citizens were raising recruits to aid the Boers, and that, as the Boers had no navy it was not thought that contraband goods to any large amount would be shipped from

this country to South Africa. No recent advices have been received by the State Department from United States Consul Macrum nor has the South African Republic replied to this country's request that Consul Macrum be permitted to act as representative of Great Britain in South

THEILKUHL GOING TO AFRICA. Men to the Transvaal.

files room of the Patent Office, who is supposed to have been conducting for som time past a pro-Boer movement in this country, resigned his position with the Government this morning. The Times has printed on several occasions accounts of Mr. Theilkuhl's movements, which he denied as being in any way connected with military operations in the Transvaal. He said this morning that the men he has secured to go to South Africa will do so in the interest of mining, and that military experience was deemed desirable to insure their capabilities of roughing it in that

Mr. Theilkuhl inserted yesterday a no-tice in the local papers which stated that the Duchess d'Uzes Legion will meet at headquarters in New York city tomorrow. The Duchess d'Uzes Legion, he explained is an organization of which he is agent for the southern district of this country. He says the Duchess d'Uzes is of the French nobility, worth \$20,000,000 and is deeply in terested in the Boers. Mr. Theilkuhl added that there is also plenty of money back of the legion from wealthy people in this

Mr. Theilkuhl became very enthusiastic this morning over the prospects of the Bo-ers. "Unless the English send over there 200,000 men," he said, "they will not have a chance to win. The Boers will have an army of from 140,000 to 150,000 men within the next month or six weeks." He ex-plained that the Beers had a method of re-cruiting their army from the outside. He did not say what that method was, but de clared that his mining scheme will be rep-resented by some thousands of men from this country, who will have all their ex-penses paid immediately to Paris, and

hence to the Transvaal.

Mr. Theilkuhl scouted the idea of the
British having captured a million rounds
of ammunition, as claimed in the de-

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spatches. He thought that probably a wheelbarrow joad of used shells had been discovered somewhere instead. He insisted upon the superiority of the Boers over the English in training and position, and the subject of mines occupied but a fraction of his conversation.

ion of his conversation. Mr. Theilkuhl said he was deluged with requests from all over the South to go to the Transvaal, and that embarkations will take place all along the seaboard. headquarters of the Duchess d'Uzes Legion is in New York where a large number of "miners" will embark on Thanksgiving Day for Paris. Theilkuhl himself, will leave Washington probably a day or two after Thanksgiving Day, according to his own statement.

The reporter summed the matter up Mr. Theilkuhl as follows: "There is strong pro-Boer feeling among some pile in this country with military experience. The Duchess d'Uzes Legion is bat ence. The Duchess d'Uzes Legion is backed by individuals avowedly in favor of the
Boers. It is impossible for the promotera
of the organization to enlist men here for
military service in the Transwaal, but it
is feasible to take men there to work in
the mines after the war is over. The Boers
have a method for increasing their army
from 40,000 to 140,000 within six weeks, of
which the public is not cognizant, but of which the public is not cognizant, but of which the d'Uzes Legion is aware. Theilkuhl would not reply to this, but contented himself with a significant smile,

FIGHTING WITH THE YAQUIS. lexican Infantry Ordered to Relen

force Forces In Sonors GUADALAJARA, Mex., Nov. 28.-The Twentieth Infantry Regiment, stationed here, commanded by Col. Jesus Gandara, has received orders to proceed immediately to the State of Sonora and join the forces of Gen. Luis Terres in the campaign now being waged against the Yaqui Indians. The regiment will march overland to the port of Manzanillo and there take transports for the mouth of the Yaqui.

Desperate fighting has been going or between the Indians and General Terres' forces for several days.

COLLINS' CHANCES IMPROVING. Every Prospect of His Election a

Mayor of Boston. BOSTON, Nov. 28.-General Patrick A. Collins stands closer to the mayoralty chair today than he has since his nomination. Martin M. Lomasney, the head of the insurgent division which has been fighting the regular organization for two years back, laid down his arms this morning. He an-nounces that he will vote for General Collins and help generally toward his election He does not give over his warfare against the regular organization, but in no ing General Collins, they have really dismed him in this particular instance Collins' election is being conceded all

PARDONED BY THE PRESIDENT Lorenzo V. Peck. Convicted of En bezzlement, Set Free.

FONDA, N. Y., Nov. 28.-Lorenzo V. Peek, who some months ago was sentenced by Judge Cox at a session of the United States court in Utien to a term in the State prison for taking funds of the Fultonville National bank while acting as cashier, has been pardoned by President McKinley.

Peck is over eighty years of age, and up until the time of his arrest has been an in-timate friend of John H. Starin, president of the bank. His pardon was brought about through the influence of prominent Mohawk Valley residents

Officers going to the Transvaal will do A PECULIAR DEATHBED SCENE. Result of an Offer of Life to Save a

Dying Man's Soul. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 28 .- A private letter from eastern Kentucky tells of a peculiar incident in Wolfe county. Frank Miller was at the point of death after a long illness. His brother John was offering up a prayer for his salvation, having come to realize that his death was near at hand. In the course of his prayer John Miller said: "Oh Lord, I am willing to give my life, if it be required, to save my brother's Guagua and San Rita, during the night, soul." A moment later John Miller had Colone! Bell, followed by Lieutenant Colfallen dead. His brother died on the night of the same day and the two were buried

in the same grave. The brother's prayer was answered, as Frank Miller shortly before his death, con-fessed faith in the Lord.

A WRECKED CREW RESCUED. Picked Up at Sea While Drifting an Open Boat.

GREENOCK, Nov. 28.-Captain Fergu on of the steamer Hestia, from Baltimore, November 11, which arrived here to day, reports that he picked up in the At-lantic the captain and crew of the Ameri-can schooner Blendermann. The schooner sprung a leak and the crew was comhad been drifting thirty-six hours when picked up.

MISSION OF THE TEXAS.

Captain Sigsbee Has Not Received

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 28.—The battleshi Texas, Captain Sigsbee, commanding which arrived in Hampton Roads yester day, came from the Massachusetts coast, where she was present at the trial trip of the battleship Kentucky.

Immediately after the Texas arrived, the contractors were requested to send a barge of coal alongside, that the warship might fill her bunkers. The order was accom-panied by the intimation that the coal was wanted immediately. Conflicting stor-ies shortly gained currency, one being to the effect that the battleship was ordered to join Schley's squadron, and another that she would sail for Havana, there to take on the Maine's dead and return with their

bodies to this port.
Captain Sigsbee, who was ashore yester-day evening at Old Point, said that the Texas, after coaling, would sail for Bruns Texas, after coaling, would sail for Bruns-wick, Ga., and that after reaching that port he was not advised as to her future movements. He said in regard to the re-ported mission to Havana that all he knew of it was what he had seen in the newspapers; that he had received no or-ders to proceed to Cuba, but the mission to Havana to bring home the Maine's dead he considered a highly honorable one.

MRS. HAVEMEYER WEDDED.

comes Mrs. Frederick O. Beach. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Carley Havemeyer, widow of the late sugar magnate, and Frederick O. Beach, prominent in society, were married today, and the couple will at once start for Europe, where they will spend the honeymoon.

The wedding service was performed in the chapel of Grace Church, only a few relatives and friends being present. William K. Vanderbilt acted as best man.

\$4.25 to Philadelphia via B. & O. Thanksgiving Day, November 30, including Exposition admission coupon, available also for Pennsylvania-Cornell football game. Tickets good going on 7:05 and 8:30 a, m. trains, returning on all trains same day.

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YOUNG AFTER AGUINALDO

Lack of Satisfactory Evidence of the Rebel's Whereabouts.

merlean Troops Widely Senttered Colonel Bell Pursuing General Ale jandrino Into the Zeambles Mons Guns and Ammunition Captured in the Town of Mangatarem

MANUA Nov. 28 -General Young marched from San Ildefonso to ilocossu esterday. Bluejackets from the Oreg and one company of infantry are at Vigan It is reported that the Spanish and Amercan prisoners were removed from Vigan quet. A battalion of the Thirtythird Volunteer Infantry is going to Vigan. General Young is hustling north along the coast apparently without satisfactory evidence of Aguinaldo's whereabouts.

The American troops are scattered widely in all directions and, it is stated at headquarters, that It is not definitely known where they are all located. Colonel Bell is pursuing General Alejandrino into the Zeambles Mountains. When Mangatarem was taken five can-

non, with 10,000 rounds of Maxim gun am-

munition and twelve stands of rifles, with

several thousands rounds of cartridges, were captured. The railroad is being rapidly repaired. Wherever the Americans have occupied

the towns the natives have immediately gone to work harvesting their rice. FLAG OFFICER FOR WATSON.

Commander of the Asiatle Fleet May

Be Given Needed Aid.

Secretary Long has under consideration the question of appointing a fing officer to serve as second in command to Rear Admiral Watson, the commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet. The force now in command of Admiral Watson is so large that assistance that would relieve him of part of his heavy duties would probably be wel-

The flag officers who are available for the duty by reason of never having had a flog command or of having recently been de-tached from such duty are Casey, com-manding the League Island navy yard; Cromwell, President of the Recruiting Board; Philip, in command of the New York navy yard; Higgenson, Chairman of the Lighthouse Board; Rodgers, President of the Inspection Board; Kempff, command-ing the Mare Island yard; Sumner, com-manding the Port Royal station; Day, a nember of the Recruiting and Examining Board; McCormick, in comand of the Washington navy yard, and Baker, in command of the Norfolk navy yard. All the officers are junior to Admiral Watson.

COLONEL BELL'S REWARD. To Receive a Medal for Gallantry In Action

Col. J. Franklin Bell, Thirty-sixth United States Volunteer Infantry, is to be rewarded for gallantry in action during the Philippine campaign. The following explanatory statement was

ssued today by the War Department: "The President has directed that a Conressional medal of honor be presented to Col. J. Franklin Bell, Thirty-sixth United States Volunteer Infantry, for most distinguished gallantry in action September 9,

1899, near Porac, Luzon, Philippine Isl-

ands.

'The circumstances surrounding the service, as described by those who witness-ed it, are reported as follows: 'The regiment under command of Colonel Bell left camp at about 2 o'clock a. m. September 9 1899, and proceeded along the San Anto-nio, Porac, road to head off a large body of insurgents which had attacked the ed orderlies, was ahead of the regiment with about twelve company scouts. Just as day was dawning the advance scouts encountered an enemy's patrol near the village of San Augustin, consisting of one captain, one lieutenant, and five privates. The scouts fired on them, and as the in-surgents started to run gave chase. Col-onel Bell, in advance of the mounted party, spurred his horse to the front, and seeing that the insurgents were easily running away from the scouts, pushed his horse into a gallop, and without paying attention to the fact that he was at least 100 yards from his party and entirely without support, charged the seven insurgents with his pistol, scattering them onto both sides of the road, and compelling the surrender of the captain and two privates, under a close and hot fire from the remaining four insurgents concealed on the side of the road in a bamboo thicket, resulting in the cap-ture of the entire party with their arms." "General MacArthur in forwarding the

recommendations for medal of honor, re-marks: The circumstances as set forth within, describe a case of distinguished and conspleuous gallantry, which involved the risk of life in the performance of more than ordinarily hazardous duty, which was assumed voluntarily, at a moment when no other means were at hand to accomplish the defeat and capture of this party of in-surgents,' and General Otis says, 'This feat and many similar ones have been per-formed by Colonel Bell, during this war,

and the wonder is that he still lives." "Colonel Bell is a native of Kentucky appointed to the Military Academy in 1874 graduating in 1878. He served with the cavalry to the beginning of the war with Spain. In May, 1898, having received a commission as major of volunteer engin-eers, he went to the Philippines, where he has served with conspicuous gallantry in many engagements, and won great honors as a soldier. In April, 1899, he was appointed major and assistant adjutant gen-eral of volunteers, and July 5, colonel of the Thirty-sixth United States Volunteers.

In the regular service he is a captain of the Seventh Cavalry. "Associated with Colonel Forsyth, com-"Associated with Colonel Forsyth, commanding the Seventh cavalry, during the years '89 to '94, he was the dominating spirit in the establishment of the United States war school of practical application for cavalry and light artillery at Fort Riley, Kau.; and upon Joining General Fersyth's staff in the Department of California he carried into practical execution. Fersyth's staff in the Department of California, he carried into practical execution, under direction of department commander with the troops of that department, the principles practised at the cavalry and light artillery school, as well as those in force at the Fort Leavenworth war school of application for infantry and cavalry. He is known in the army to be one of the ablest young cavalry officers, of great capacity and indomitable will power, and a man of discretion and judgment."

Exposition via Pennsylvania Rail-rond Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30.
Only 84.25 round trip, including admission to saport Exposition. Train leaves Washington at till a m. Beturning leaves Broad Street Sta-tion, Philadelphia. 6-95 p. m.; South Street Exposition grounds), 6:10 p. m. Also affords an opportunity to witness the Pennsylvania-Cornell sotball game on Franklin Field adjoining expo-tion grounds.

THE PLAGUE SITUATION.

Every Precaution Taken to Bar Out
the Buhoute Disease.

The general buhoute plague situation remains practically unchanged, the only exception being the news of a case of the
disease at Cadiz, Spain, by a telegram received this morning by Surgeon General
Wyman of the Marine Hospital Service,
through the State Department.

through the State Department.

The Marine Hospital authorities are keenly alive to the danger of the infection which threatens this country, and are instituting the strictest quarantine meas ares to check its advance. The fact the the appearance of the plague in Santos. Brazil, and the two cases reported in New York harbor several days ago, are the firs mown to the Western Hemisphere, has caused considerable anxiety. The closeness with which every avenue is watche through which it is possible for the plague to enter, is sufficient evidence that the situation is thoroughly appreciated by the

Cuba is under the surveillance of specia quarantine officers as it is thought that the greatest danger of infection will come from there. It is estimated that the emigration from Spain to Cuba is about the same as it was prior to the Spanish Ameri-can war. This means an increase in population of about 30,000 a year from this source alone. A number of cases of bu-bonic plague are known to have made their appearance in Barcelona and Oporto, Portugal, and it was from these cities that the first case at Santos, Brazil, is said to have come. The United States health offiers in Cuba are therefore taking the greatest precautions to prevent the landing of any persons upon which the slightest sus-picion of disease rests. All emigrants are closely examined and there effects thoroughly disinfected before they are allowed

The plague, which is now epidemic in China, started westward three or four years ago. It had reached Alexandria, Egypt, last summer, but since then has made its appearance in Austria, Spain, Portugal, and one case, which proved fatal, was reported in the harbor of Plymouth, England. The plague reached Santos, Brazil, from Spain, and was subsequently carried to New York on the British steamer J. W. Taylor.

One step taken by the United States Marine Hospital Service since the appear-ance of the plague in this country is the purchase of a jarge quantity of anti-plague serum from the Pasteur Institute of Paris. This will be used at all the quarantine sta-tions of the United Stages. A recent tele-gram received by the department announces that several case of genuine hu-bonic plague are raging in Algeria. Al-though the consul at Tunis denies this re-port, the French authorities have considered the situation of enough importance to send a quarantine officer there to make an investigation.

The phases of the situation are being

The phases of the situation are testing closely watched by Surgeon General Wyman and his staff, and they are amply prepared to stamp out any symptoms of plague which may invade this country. The situation was the staff of the uation is thoroughly understood by them and they say that this fact minimizes the

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Henry Anderson Called to Answer

for Killing Olin Hynson. EASTON, Md., Nov. 28.-Henry Malcolm Anderson, son of Dr. James H. Anderson the veteran medical practitioner of Talbot county who now resides in Baltimore, was put on trial in the circuit court for Talbot county yesterday on the charge of stabbing to death Olin T. Hynson in Easton on the night of July 2 last. The case has attracted a great deal of attention, and the

ourtroom was crowded.

The grand jury presented Anderson for murder, and State's Attorney Mullikin, in his opening statement to the jury, said it would be shown that on the night of the tragedy Anderson, Hynson, and others were returning in a conveyance from a Chapel district liquor store, a few miles from Easton called "The Klondike." that Anderson and Hynson had a quarrel on the vay home, and that upon their return Anderson stabbed Hynson to death pre-meditatedly. He, therefore, asked for a

In his statement to the jury Mr. Car-rington, for the defence, said the stabbing of Hynson by Anderson was not denied but that it was not premeditated; that the two had been drinking and had got into a fight; that Hynson, who was the stronger of the two, was the aggressor, and had first cut Anderson, who in turn defended him-self with his knife. He therefore, asked for the acquittal of the accused.

MR. CROKER SAILS FOR EUROPE.

Cabin on Shipboard

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Richard Croker ailed for Europe this morning on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mr. Croker's friends had filled his cabin with flowers when he reached the steamship, but few of them were present, as at the Democratic club last night he had expressed a desire that there be no demonstration at the

Mr. Croker secured a comfortable cabin on the port upper deck of the vessel amid-ships. The most prominent of the floral devices that greeted him as he stepped into his stateroom, was an immense threeinto his stateroom, was an immense three-masted ship made of red, yellow, and pink roses, chrysanthemums, and smilax from Chief of Police Devery. A top tiger was climbing up the foremast. Mr. Croker said just before sailing that his views on the topics of the day were very accurate-ly reproduced in the interview with him which paners printed westerday." I have ly reproduced in the interview with him which papers printed yesterday. "I have nothing to add to that," he said, "except that I hope everyone left at home will have as good a time as I shall while I am gone. I expect the trip to do me a great amount of good, and I look forward to it with much pleasure. An ocean voyage always rests me, and the open air exercise I get on the other side does me a world of good."

CAUGHT IN A VESSEL'S SHAFT.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 28 .-Charles N. Leroy, seventeen years old, of New Hamburg, was killed on the little steamboat Messenger, which runs between morning. He worked on the boat as clerk and was learning to handle the engine, un der his uncle, George Terwilliger, who owns the vessel. Leroy went into the hold to oil the shaft, taking with him a lighted

lantern.

After a time his uncle heard a strange thumping sound and went to investigate. He found the hold on fire, the lantern having broken and the oil spilled on the woodwork. After putting out the fire with a few buckets of water he found the body of his nephew terribly mangled. His coat had caught in the shafting and he was whirled round and round, being literally pounded to death.

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GENERAL WOOD RETORNS

Santiago's Military Governor Arrives at Quarantine.

His Instructions Are to Report to the Adjutant General for Purther Or. ince Reported as Daily Improving Many People on the Public Works

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Gen. Leonard Vood, Military Governor, of the province of Santiago, Cuba, was a passenger of board the United States transport Mcl'herson, which arrived from Santiago this morning. When seen at Quarantine, General Wood said that he received orders fron the Adjutant General at Washington to report there for further ordes.

"I embarked immediately on board th McPherson for home. I have no knowledge of the business for which I am called to Washington beyond the order to report.

"Before I left we heard the news of th death of the Vice President and the flags were half-masted on all the public buildings. His loss is great, as he was a stron man in the Administration. News of his death was heard with profound regret at Santiago.

"The condition of Santiago in relation to public affairs is improving daily. We employ many on public works, such as roads, etc. The people are employed and contented. We have no destitution, and excepting a period after the great storms and hurricanes, when the rains washed the crops out of the ground in many places, we have not issued rations. This issue was less than 1,000. I have great hopes for the early development of the mining industries of Santiago province with its wonderfully rich desposits of iron, copper, and zinc ores, which are bound to add to the prosperity of the island."

General Wood expects to proceed to Washington this afternoon.

Among the passengers who arrived on the McPherson in addition to General Wood were Lieutenant Brooks, Dr. E. F. Geddings, surgeon U. S. A.; Capts. C. W. "The condition of Santiago in relation to

Geddings, surgeon U. S. A.; Capts, C. W. Foster and Goldman, of the Fifth United States Cavalry; Captain Reynolds, surgeon U. S. A.; Capt. B. B. Vance, Eleventh United States Infantry; Lieut. C. G. Hall, Fifth United States Cavalry, and F. M. Cook, Deputy Collector of Customs of Por-

General Leonard Wood's visit to this country is made at the direction of the President and the Secretary of War, who desire to consult him about matters in desire to consult him about matters in Cuba. It is supposed that these matters relate to the advisability of establishing civil government in Cuba. General Wood appears to be the candidate most favored by the Administration for civil governor, but no selection has been made

CLERK DAWSON DISCHARGED. The Penalty of Writing Letters Criti-

cising the President. Secretary Root issued an order today discharging Noble E. Dawson, a clerk in

the War Department. The order was issued with the consent of the Civil Service Commission, under which Dawson was apminted. Dawson was discharged for writing let-

ters to the Postmaster General, in which he made sarcastic remarks about President McKinley. In one of his letters he said: 'I trust, that when the wise and patriotic Administration gets back from its swingaround campaign, having shown the bucolic voter that it was McKinley who caused the bountiful crops to grow, salted the Klondike with a wealth of golden nuggets, and furnished employment (in the Philippines) to our unoccupied needy, you will, undaunted by the spectre apily limned by the autumnal poet in his luminous phrase, 'The Dewey-skirted clouds imbibe the sun,' again tackle the colonial postage." The matter was called to the attention

son said he had written the letter and that he expected to be discharged for doing so. Later he wrote the Secretary of War a letter in which he said: "The distressing situation at home, added to my own indisposition, disqualifies, and the important of the work to be done for General Miles in his absence prohibits, me from undertaking to enumerate the overmastering prove cations which led to my injecting imprope comments, borrowed almost entirely frost the current press, into my official com-munications to the Postmaster General. therefore sorrowfully admit my faul throw myself on your mercy, and plead extenuating circumstances of an unusual character, of which permit me to mention just one. The fact that three of my four sons, as a result of the Spanish war, have been from first to last at the point of death, causing me great care, mental anguish, and expense, one of them being now very ill in a relapse after we had thought him fully recovered. This makes four long, dreadful sieges of the Cuban fever in my family; and four of us were

down there to help give liberty to Cuba and sustain the honor of our country."

Dawson said today: "I am sorry now that I wrote the letter apologizing, but what is done cannot be undone, and I have

and left the building before he could again Dawson is about 55 years old, and has been an attorney-at-law. He comes from Iowa, and for some years has been confi-

ential clerk to General Miles, at a salary MATINEES FOR THE FAIR.

Typographical Managers Decide to Open the Temple in the Afternoon The fair being held by Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, at Typographica comple, continues to be a leading attract tion in the city, as is attested by the large rowds that nightly attend it.

The crush has been so great that to re lieve the pressure some the management has decided, beginning with tomorrow, to open the doors in the afternoon. This plan will be followed until the fair closes next Monday. Tomorrow night the Business Men's Association and other kindred so-cieties are expected at the fair, and an exellent programme has been prepared for

All of the booths retain their charming and attractive appearance, but none more so than that of the "down town" chapels It is artistically draped in colors and set off with potted palms and greens, which are displayed with exquisite taste through out the whole arrangement. The pretty girls attached were very successful in attracting dollars from the purses of the vis

investigate its contents.

forfolk & Washington Steamboat Co. Delightful autumn trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7.

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FINISHING THE MESSAGE.

McKinley Hears Suggestie

The President spent nearly two hours at the regular Cabinet meeting this morning in reading those parts of his annua message to Congress which contain rec ommendations regarding the seversi Ex-ecutive Departments of the Government. He asked the Secretaries for suggestions affecting the recommendations and note was made of necessary changes. The more important part of the message, regarding the Philippines and the new insular pos-cessions, was not discussed this measure. sessions, was not discussed this morning, as this had been previously disposed of.

There was some talk in the Cabinet meeting about the reports that Cubans will resist the proposition to install a civil government in Cuba, but there was no official information on the subject.

THE LORD MAYOR'S RETURN.

English Law Compels Him to Curtail His American Visit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-The Lord Mayor of Dublin, who, with John Redmond, M. P., expected to remain in this country until Christmas time to raise money for the istration than the bill that the Senate Fin-

Parnell monument, will be obliged to leave for home on Saturday.

Mr. Tallon announced last night at Deimonico's, where he and Mr. Redmend were the guests of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, that he had just received a messure from the musical anticident. age from the municipal authorities of Dub lin, informing him that the law declaring the Lord Mayor's office vacant after a two month's absence of the incumbent, was imperative, and that, while the people of Dublin would be glad to extend the Lord Mayor's vacation, they could not do so. Mr. Tallon left Dublin on October 11, and he will have to be back there on December 11. Mr. Tallon said he was greatly disappointed that he was obliged to go back so soon, for he was having such a royal good time here.

royal good time here.
"I am especially sorry," he told a re-porter, "that we are not to be in Wash-ington at the opening of Congress."
Mr. Tallion and Mr. Redmond will run down to Washington before they sail. They will be received in Philadelphia to-day by Governor Stone.

A BURGLAR IN A DORMITORY Consternation Caused by an Invader in a Female School.

PELHAM MANOR, N. Y., Nov. 28 .- Loud shricks of "Burglars!" followed by a fusillade of misdirected pistol shots, were the means of disturbing the quiet of this aristocratic suburb at an early hour yes-terday morning. The shots, which were fired at a fleeing burglar, who had forced an entrance into Mrs. J. Cunningham Ha-zen's school, in the Manor, did not take effect. There are seventy students in the Hazen School, which is known throughout the country. Among the students are daughters of supreme court justices, railroad presidents and millionaire business men. It was shortly after 2 o'clock when Miss Grace Thompson, daughter of a West. ern banker, awoke and saw a man in her room. As the girl started to get up the burglar softly made his way out into the hall. By the dim light of a lamp which was burning Miss Thompson saw the man as he passed her door. He was short and his face was partly concealed by a handker-chief. Miss Thompson jumped out of hed, and seizing a revolver fired a shot out of

the open window.

In an instant the dormitory was in an The electric lights were turned on and the burglar alarms were ringing. The sounding of the huge gongs aroused every person in the four cottages. The burglar was hiding somewhere in the Edgewood cottage, but just where no one knew. Clusters of students attired in their night robes rushed from one room to an-

Mr. Hazen, who was armed with a double-barreled shotgun, and O'Brien, a watch-man, who had a revolver, were searching every corner. While the men were on the third floor the French teacher stood in her doorway on the second floor with a re-volver in her hand. Suddenly a man was seen sneaking down through one of the volver in h seen sneak rear halls.

The French teacher did not lose her nerve. Clutching her revolver, she fol-lowed the burglar, who had a long start. ired, and again as he was running across he lawn. This time O'Brien and Mr. Ha-

en, who also had caught sight of the flee ng man, fired at him, but their shots went The burglar escaped into the woods. Ex-imination showed that he had gained en-

rance by way of a basement window. THE TIGERS' WELCOME HOME. Bonfire and Great Enthusiasm

Princeton Campus. PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 28.-Princeon's campus was turned into a bedlam of noise an enthusiasm last night, when 1,200 undergraduates celebrated the Tigers' vicundergraduates celebrated the Tigers' vic-tory over Yale in their annual champion-ship football game. A monster bonfire was kindled in the quadrangle on the cam-pus, around which the younger graduates danced and sang their songs until after midnight. A brass band was engaged for the occasion, and each class had secured a drum corps to lead them.

The men marshaled into line by classes in front of Old Nassau Hall, and the procession immediately moved down Nassau Street to the strains of "Here Comes the Elis." When the team and coaches, who were waiting for them in 'busses, were caught sight of there was a grand rush. It was only after a hard struggle that the crowd relinquished their hold on the little end rush. Poe. The horses were quickly unhitched, and hundreds of students fourth for the change to take their.

lents fought for the chance to take their Nassau Street they retired to the bonfire, where several of the players were called upon for speeches.

VICTOR L. MASON RESIGNS.

Victor L. Mason, private secretary to the ecretary of War, has resigned his position to accept a business position. Mr. Mason will leave the War Department December 1 and will go to Detroit, where he will reside in future, about December 15.
Mr. Mason has been succeeded by W. S.
Coursey, who for some time has been private secretary to Adjutant General Corbin.

The Health Officer reported that there vere no new cases of smallpox today, and the indications are that the infection has been stamped out. The last of the quar-antined houses were released from sur-veillance late last week, and the patients confined in the hospital were all reported to be doing well.

\$4.00 to Philadelphia and Re turn via Penusylvania Railroad. On account of the championship football game n Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Saturday, Deember 2, between Annapolis Naval Cadets and fest Point Military Cadets, the Pennsylvania tallrond Company will sell excursion tickets om Washington to Philadelphia on December and 2, good going only on date of issue, good return until December 4, inclusive, at rate 184.

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FIRST FIGHT IN CONGRESS

The Initial Battle Likely to Be on Currency Reform.

eported Preference of the Adminintration for the Measure Prepared by the House Special Committee. Bills That Commit the Republican Party to the Gold Standard.

The first big political battle in the Fiftysixth Congress will be over the passage of the currency reform measure which has een prepared by the Republican managers under the immediate supervision of Mr. McKinley. It is understood that the bill prepared by the House special committee last summer, of which General Henderson, the prospective Speaker, was chairman, nore nearly meets the views of the Adminance Committee has drawn.

Both measures commit the Administration and the Republican party to the gold standard irrevocably, but the Senate bill s said to be vague in its terms and still holds out some kind of a pledge for in-ternational bimetallism. The Senate bill has been drawn, it is said, with the view of securing the votes of those Republicans, like Wolcott of Colorado and Carter of Montana, who still profess to be friendly to the white metal, while the House bill will be a flat-footed declaration in favor of a single gold standard without any equivocation whatever.

General Henderson and the Republicans in the House will endeavor to have their bill passed and sent to the Senate before the adjournment for the Christmas bolithe adjournment for the Christmas holi-days. An effort will be made to reach an understanding with the Republican mem-bers of the Senate Finance Committee be-fore Congress assembles next week but it is not likely to succeed. The differences between the two committees are too radi-

cal to be easily adjusted. If the Reed rules are adopted by the Fifty-rixth Congress, as now seems probable, the Republicans will have no difficulty in rushing the currency bill reported by the Henderson committee through the House before Christmas, but it will not have plain sailing in the Senate as there is no way of forcing a vote in that body. Haif a dozen Senators, if they are so disposed, can debate the matter indefinitely.

The Democratic managers are overloyed, however, that the Republicans have been forced into taking a positive stand on the currency question in favor of a single gold

"We have now got our Republican friends," said a prominent Democrat to-day, "just where we want them. They have undoubtedly held a great many Silver Republicans in the ranks by pretending to be favorable to the white metal and a double standard. But now they have de-cided to throw off all pretence and come out in their true colors. That is as it

should be "The Republican party is in favor of the gold standard, the trusts, and monopolies, and I am glad that it has at last mustered up courage to say so. The issue will now be joined, and no one need be in any doubt as to just where each party stands on this important issue.

"It will not help the Republicans parti-cularly if the Senate refuses to accept the Handersen hill without emediator. The

Henderson bill without amendment. The passage of the Henderson bill by the House will show where the Republican party stands on the question. No amount of talk or explanation can alter the fact that the Republicans as a party are thoroughly com-mitted to the gold standard and all that it mplies. "I must congratulate my Republican

friends. If they carry out their programme they will undoubtedly make silver, or the noney question, the predominating issue of the next campaign.

Let us hope that there will be no 'faltering' in maintaining their present attitude."

MANAGER CHASE HELD.

His Alleged Violation to Be Consid-New Grand Opera House, who is accused by William T. Ferguson, colored, of viothe Police Court this morning in answer to the charge, and waived a preliminary hearing. Judge Scott then ordered the case sent to the grand jury and took Mr. Chase's

personal bond for his appearance before Chase, a colored attorney, renewed a request made several days ago, of Assistant District Attorney Mullowny, for the issu-ing of warrants against P. B. Chase and Policemen Warren and Murphy. Attorney Chase claimed that Manager Chase and the policemen committed an assault on a col-cred man of the name of Weatherless, who. it was claimed was ejected from the New Grand Theatre, because of alleged disor-derly conduct. Weatherless was tried on the charge of disorderly conduct and de-nied his guilt. Witnesses for the prosecu-tion said the defendant occupied and refused to give up seats in the theatre to which he was not entitled. Judge Kim-ball, in dismissing the charge because of ball, in dismissing the charge because of conflicting testimony, said he felt sure Weatherless occupied the wrong seats. In view of these facts and others, Mr. Mullowny refused to issue warrants, saying that unless sufficient evidence was producted to show that even a technical assault had been committed he could not take up the time of the court. He fixed tomorrow morning for a hearing of the matter to demorning for a hearing of the matter to de-termine whether there was sufficient grounds for the issuing of the warrants

Bonds Coming in Rapidly The offer of the Secretary of the Treasuy, made several weeks ago, to purchase \$25,000,000 of bonds to relieve the money warket, has not gone begging. The New York Subtreasury, of course, has been the largest seller, although Boston and Phila-delphia have not been backward. The to-tal amount of bonds purchased to date by the Treasury is \$13,488,850. Of this a m \$191,150 was purchased remerday. \$919,150 was purchased yenterday.

The Commissioners have received a letter from the president of the Congress Heights Citizens' Association containing the information that the association is about o establish a night school to be conduct at the expense of the association. The president requested the Commissioners to allow the school to be established in the old schoolhouse. The writer also requested that the Commissioners lease the building to the Citizens' Association for a nominal price in order that the meetings might be held there also. The request has been submitted to the Attorney for the District for an onition.

Championship game, December 2. Choice of trains. Leave Washington, New Jersey Avenue and C Street, for Philadelphia, Franklin Field, 7:05, 8:20, and 10 a. m. Parior cars and day roaches. Dining car on 10 o'clock train. Returning, leave Twenty-fourth and Chratmut Street Station, 4:29, 5:07 (Royal Limited, all Pullman), and 7:30 p. m. Only \$4 round trip. Tickets good coing December 1 and 2, returning on all trains until December 4, inclusive. For further information apply B. & O. ticket offices. via Raltimore & Ohio Railroad.

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